REASONS *for the Indictment of the* D. *of* YORK, *Preſented to the Grand-Jury of* Middleſex, *Saturday June* 26. 80. *By the Perſons here under-nam'd.*

I. BEcauſe the 25. *Car.* II. when an Act was made to throw Popiſh Recuſants out of all Offices and Places of Truſt; The Duke of *YORK* did lay down ſeveral Great Offices and Places, (as Lord High Admiral of *England*, *Generaliſſimo* of all His Majeſties Forces both by Land and Sea, Governour of the Cinque-ports, and divers others;) thereby to avoid the puniſhment of that Law againſt *Papiſts*.

II. 30. *Car.* II. When an Act was made to Diſable *Papiſts* from ſitting in either Houſe of Parliament; There was a *Proviſo* inſerted in that Act, *That it ſhould not extend to the Duke of* York; On purpoſe to ſave his Right of Sitting in the Lords Houſe, though he refuſeth to take thoſe Oaths which the *Proteſtant Peers* ought to do.

III. That His Majeſty in his Speech *March* 6. the 31. Year of his Reign, doth give for a Reaſon to the Parliament, why he ſent his Brother out of *England*; becauſe he would leave no man room to ſay, that he had not remov'd all Cauſe which might influence him to *Popiſh Councels*.

IV. That there have been divers Letters read in both Houſes of Parliament, and at the Secret Committees of both Houſes, from ſeveral Cardinals, and others at *Rome*; and alſo from other *Popiſh Biſhops*, and Agents of the *Pope*, in other Foreign parts, which do apparently ſhew the great Correſpondencies between the *D.* of *Y.* and the *Pope*: And how the *Pope* could not chooſe but weep for Joy, at the reading ſome of the Dukes Letters; and what great ſatisfaction it was to the *Pope* to hear the D. was advanc'd to the Catholick Religion. That the *Pope* hath granted *Breev's* to the D. ſent him *Beads*, ample *Indulgences*, with much more to this purpoſe.

V. That the whole Houſe of Commons hath declared him to be a *Papiſt* in their Votes, *Sunday*, *April* 6. 1679. Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, **That the Duke of York's being a Papiſt, and his hopes of coming ſuch to the Crown, has given the greateſt Countenance and Encouragement to the preſent Conſpiracy and Deſigns of the Papiſts againſt the King and Proteſtant Religion.** ——What this Conſpiracy and Deſign is, will appear by a Declaration of both Houſes of Parliament, *March* 25. 1679. **Reſolved**, Nemine Contradicente, **by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled; That they do Declare, That they are fully ſatisfy'd, by the Proofs they have heard, There now is, and for divers Years laſt paſt hath been a horrid and Treaſonable PLOT and Conſpiracy, Contriv'd, and carried on by thoſe of the Popiſh Religion, for the Murthering of his Majeſties Sacred Perſon, and for the ſubverting the Proteſtant Religion, and the Antient well Eſtabliſhed Government of this Realm.**

VI. That beſides all this *Proof*, and much more to this purpoſe, It is moſt Notorious and Evident He hath for many Years abſented from *Proteſtant Churches* during Religious Worſhip.

Theſe are the Reaſons why We believe the Duke of *York* to be a *Papiſt*.

Huntingdon.	*L. Cavendiſh.*	Sir *Gilb. Gerard* Bar.	Sir *Scroop How.*
Shaftsbury.	*L. Brandon.*	Sir *Edw: Hungerford.*	*Tho. Thyn* Eſq;
Gray of *Wark.*	*Thomas Wharton.*	K^t. of the *Bath.*	*W. Forreſter* Eſq;
L. Ruſſel.	Sir *Will. Cooper* Bar.	Sir *Henry Calverly.*	*J. Trenchard* Eſq;

The Jury were ſent for up by the Court of *Kings Bench* whilſt they were on this Indictment, and Diſmiſt; ſo that nothing was further done upon it, ſaving that the Jury received the Preſentment: And by the Diſmiſſion of the Jury, a very great number of Indictments were Diſcharged; A thing ſcarcely to be parallel'd, and of very ill Conſequence, not only to many Private Perſons, but chiefly to the Publick.

And on *Wedneſday July* 30. the former Lords and Gentlemen, with the *L. Clare*, Sir *John Cope* Bar. Sir *Rowland Gwin*, and Mr. *Wandsford*, Preſented the ſame to a ſecond *Grand Jury*, who were Diſcharged as the former.